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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Prices declined on slaughter steers and heifers at most midwest markets despite curtailed receipts. The downturns were influenced by slow movement and lower prices on dressed beef. Slaughter steers and heifers sold 25¢-\$1.00 lower for the week. Barrows and gilts closed steady to 25¢ lower over most of the western Corn Belt while sales were strong to 50¢ higher in the eastern part of the area. Slaughter lambs sold steady to 50¢ lower at several points, but were steady to 25¢ higher at Omaha, So. St. Paul and Sioux City.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Despite sharply curtailed receipts, slaughter steers and heifers suffered the sharpest price decline in at least 7 weeks. Closing prices at most markets were 25¢-\$1.00 lower. At Sioux City slaughter steer supplies were the smallest since March 1959 and closing prices were steady to 50¢ higher. Cattle supplies were unevenly distributed for the second straight week with weather again partly responsible. Marketings were small after Tuesday due to icy roads and the sharp price break which occurred in the forepart of the week. As a result, supplies for the period were down fully 10 percent, and the smallest for any week since last August excepting Holiday weeks. Dressed beef prices continued to trend lower, and even though the market showed slight rallying tendencies late, early declines at most markets were far too extensive to be erased. Most steers and heifers were Good to average-Choice at the majority of markets and graded somewhat lower on the average than the week earlier. In Chicago, however, Prime steers comprised fully 12 percent of the steer supply, up somewhat from the previous week and the same week a year ago. The percentage of cows in supplies increased and Prices were steady to \$1.00 lower excepting strong to 50¢ higher prices at Omaha and Sioux City. Bulls sold steady to \$1.00 lower; vealers steady to strong.

Steers over 1300# remained hardest to sell at some markets where heavy steers continued to run freely, while weights under 1150# continued to get first call at all markets. In Chicago, about 20 loads Prime 1150-1400# steers \$28.75-29.00, numerous loads mixed Choice and Prime 1050-1350# \$27.50-28.50 but loadlots Commercial and Good 1500-1600# beefs \$21.00-21.75. Elsewhere, high-Choice and Prime steers sold from \$26.75-28.00, Choice 1000-1200# steers bulking at \$25.00-26.75, 1200-1400# \$24.00-25.50; Good largely \$22.00-25.25. Prime heifers sold up to \$27.75 in Chicago and So. St. Paul and up to \$27.50 in Omaha. Bulk Choice heifers \$25.00-27.00, Good and low-Choice \$21.50-25.00. Most Utility and Commercial cows \$14.00-16.50,

Canners and Cutters \$12.00-15.00.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Receipts of stocker and feeder cattle and calves at terminal markets included moderate numbers of high-Good and Choice stockers of both yearling and calf ages as well as a moderate number of well bred feeder fleshed cattle. Adverse weather conditions in some instances prompted a postponement in buying plans and, along with this, recent downturns in slaughter cattle prices and the estimate of record numbers on feed this season were factors influencing less aggressive buyer competition than earlier this month. However, considerable interest continued to exist in stocker and feeder classes. Prices on stocker and feeder steers at 10 markets last week averaged \$23.75, this about \$4.00 below a year ago while current slaughter steer prices are only about \$2.00 under a year ago. Thus, with very abundant supplies of feeds stockpiled throughout most of the major feeding areas, outlet, even though slowed at times, generally has been more than adequate for the numbers currently being marketed. Stocker and feeder prices for the most part were maintained on a steady basis, the principal exception being on steers 800# up, such kinds at several markets being unevenly weak to 50¢, and in extremes 75¢-\$1.00 lower in sympathy with downturns in slaughter cattle prices and lessened packer buyer competition on fleshy two-way kinds. In contrast, at Fort Worth prices were generally strong to \$1.00 higher.

Majority Good and Choice 800-950# feeder steers brought \$22.00-25.25, few Choice fleshy 800-825# \$25.50-26.00 while Choice fleshy 1065# turned at \$24.75. One load Good and Choice fleshy 1100# sold at \$22.50, the continued discrimination against weight in feeder classes reflecting a similar condition in the market for slaughter steers. Medium to low-Good feeders 750-900# brought \$19.00-22.50. Good and Choice 600-750# stock steers bulked \$23.50-27.50, Choice 559# \$29.50. Good and Choice yearling heifers sold from \$21.00-25.25. Good and Choice steer calves went chiefly from \$26.00-31.00, few \$31.50-32.00. Same grades heifer calves \$23.00-28.00, few up to \$30.00. Medium and Good stock cows in limited supply from \$14.00-18.00, few to \$19.50.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Receipts at the 12 terminals were slightly smaller than a week ago but about 5 percent larger than the same week a year ago. Mixed U. S. No. 1-3, 200-250# barrows and gilts again predominated in the supply. Many of the western Corn Belt centers continued to receive a substantial volume of

butchers over 270#. Sows comprised 6-11 percent of the receipts at the various markets. At most western Corn Belt centers, barrows and gilts closed steady to 25¢ lower for the week with the bulk of sales in the eastern part of the area strong to 50¢ higher. Sows are mostly 25-50¢ higher except steady at Omaha, and 25¢ lower at Sioux City.

On closing rounds mixed No. 1-3, 190-250# barrows and gilts sold from \$12.75-13.50, more uniform lots at some centers up to \$13.75. Selected lots of No. 1, and No. 1 and 2, usually averaging 190-230# and largely sorted for both weight and grade uniformity brought \$13.50-14.25. Mixed No. 1-3, 270-550# sows bulked at \$10.50-12.00, but very few weighing under 350# were available.

Feeder pigs closed steady at Sioux City but were strong to 50¢ higher at So. St. Paul. Good and Choice 100-160# feeder pigs at So. St. Paul sold late at \$11.00-12.00. Medium and Good 130-160# offerings at Sioux City brought \$10.00-11.00.

HOGS - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota Area - Marketings were curtailed by adverse weather conditions and poorer demand with the result that receipts were the smallest for any non-holiday week since last September. Bulk of the supply again consisted of 200-240# butchers with sows making up only about 5 percent of offerings. Trading was fairly active early in the week but rather slow late when demand narrowed reflecting the slow action and mostly lower price trends in the wholesale fresh pork trade. Prices for butchers under 240# were steady to mostly 25¢ lower for the week while heavier weights were steady to 15¢ higher. Sows were steady to 25¢ higher. U. S. No. 1-3, 190-240# butchers sold late from \$12.45-13.35 with a small volume No. 1 and 2 \$13.00-13.65. Mixed No. 1-3 270-400# sows brought \$10.50-11.75, 400-550# \$8.75-10.85.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Slaughter lamb supplies at 12 markets were 13 percent under the previous week's supply, and 19 percent less than the comparable week last year. Woolled slaughter lambs comprised the bulk of receipts with Good and Choice predominating.

Compared with Friday the previous week, closing slaughter lamb prices were steady to 50¢ lower at several markets and steady to 25¢ higher at Omaha, So. St. Paul and Sioux City. Many lambs, however, sold on a steady basis. Slaughter ewes sold steady to strong. Feeder lamb prices were fully steady with some 50¢ higher at Omaha and Kansas City.

Most Good and Choice woolled slaughter lambs 90-115# sold at \$18.50-20.00 with several loads and lots mostly Choice lambs 90-110# \$19.25-20.50 and four loads \$20.75 late in the week at Chicago. Utility and Good woolled lambs ranged \$16.00-19.50 with majority at \$17.00-18.50. Good to Choice shorn 90-110#

slaughter lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts brought \$17.50-19.00. Cull to Choice woolled and shorn slaughter ewes sold from \$3.00-6.50 and a few Choice \$8.00 in Chicago.

Good and Choice feeder lambs 65-85# sold at \$18.00-19.50, Medium and Good \$16.50-18.00. In the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area slaughter lamb prices were steady to 25¢ lower and slaughter ewes steady. Interior area receipts were 9 percent less than the previous week's supply, but 9 percent more than the corresponding period last year. On late rounds Good and Choice woolled slaughter lambs 90-110# delivered to packing plants sold at \$18.00-19.00 with mostly Choice lambs \$19.00-19.25 under agreed weighing conditions and to \$19.50 in parts of southern Minnesota. One consignment reached \$20.00 at midweek. Good and Choice lambs 110-120# and some Good grade lambs 90-110# moved at \$17.00-18.50. Good and Choice 90-105# lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts went at \$17.00-18.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH - Direct trading on slaughter steers and heifers slow, steady to 50¢ lower, virtually all transactions for delivery within a month. Other classes of cattle and slaughter lambs steady. Slaughter steers: Load high-Choice 950# \$27.50; 23 loads Choice 850-1000# \$27.00; 204 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 850-1100# \$25.75-26.75; 36 loads mainly low to average-Choice 1100-1340# \$24.50-26.25, largely \$25.25-25.50; 107 loads Good and mixed Good and Choice 900-1250# \$24.00-25.65; 25 loads Standard and Good 750-1000# \$21.00-23.50. Two loads Choice 950# \$45.00 and 3 loads high-Good and Choice 1000# \$43.00-44.00 on dressed basis. Slaughter heifers: 10 loads Choice 800-825# \$26.00; 52 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 725-900# \$25.00-25.50; 38 loads mixed Good and Choice 700-1025# \$23.50-24.75; 6 loads Standard and Good \$22.00-23.25. Eight loads Choice 850-975# \$43.00-43.50 and 4 loads Good and Choice 900# \$41.50 dressed basis.

Good and Choice 360-500# stock steer calves \$26.50-28.00; Good and Choice 420# stock heifer calves \$25.50; Good and Choice 875-975# feeder steers \$23.50-24.25; Good 750# feeder heifers \$22.50; Medium and Good stock cows \$130.00-220.00 per head; Medium and Good stock cows with calves at side \$200.00-250.00 per pair.

California: 23 loads Good and Choice 104-115# slaughter lambs mainly with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$18.50-19.50. Utah: 18 loads Good to mostly Choice 103-108# woolled lambs \$19.50-20.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Trading on fed cattle slow, steers 25-50¢ lower, heifers steady to 25¢ lower. Forty-eight loads low to average-Choice 1100-1250# fed steers \$25.25-26.00; 30 loads 1250-1350# \$24.50-25.00; 14 loads average-Choice 900-945# fed heifers \$26.25-26.35; 118 loads low to average-Choice 900-1050# \$25.00-26.25.

Demand good for stockers and feeders, prices steady to strong. Western Kansas: 35 loads Good and Choice 800-880# feeder steers \$22.50-23.40; 15 loads same grades 643-787# \$23.95-24.85; 8 loads Good and Choice 625-675# feeder heifers \$23.00, part of these for March delivery. Colorado: 34 loads Good and Choice 750-953# feeder steers \$23.90-24.00; 4 loads mostly Good 558-755# \$23.00-24.00; 200 Good and Choice 618# feeder heifers \$24.00; 5 loads Good and Choice 425# heifer calves \$25.50. Western Nebraska: 9 loads Good and Choice 790# feeder steers \$25.00.

Fed lambs steady with demand good. Colorado: 46 loads mostly Choice 99-114# woolled slaughter lambs \$19.25-20.00; 5 loads Good and Choice 74-88# feeder lambs \$19.35-19.50. Western Kansas: 12 loads Good and Choice woolled slaughter lambs \$19.50-19.75; 4 loads Good and Choice 89-91# feeder lambs \$18.50. The Eaton Pool of 125,000-135,000# mostly tag wools brought 23 5/8¢ per grease pound.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Trading slow, fully steady on confirmed sales 38 loads fed steers, 9 loads heifers and 1,500 stockers and feeders. Six loads high-Good and low-Choice 900-1025# fed steers \$24.50-25.00; 27 loads Good 850-1100# \$23.50-24.00; 8 loads Standard to mostly Good 740-820# fed heifers \$23.00-23.50. About

1,200 Good and Choice 675-775# feeder steers \$23.00-24.00.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter steers and heifers steady. Two loads Good to mostly Choice 1150-1200# fed steers \$25.25; 36 loads Good, with a few Choice, 1100-1350# \$23.25-24.25; 4 loads mostly Choice 950# fed heifers \$24.00. Confirmed sales and contracts on 8,250 stockers and feeders, fully 50¢ higher. Good and Choice stocker and feeder steers \$21.00-26.00; Good and Choice stocker and feeder heifers \$22.00-24.00; Good and Choice stock calves, \$25.00-28.00 on steers and \$24.00-27.00 on heifers.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers steady; slaughter lambs steady to 25¢ higher. Washington: Choice 1000-1180# fed steers \$26.00-27.00, mostly \$26.00-26.50. Idaho: Choice 1050-1150 slaughter steers \$25.50-26.00; Choice 1200-1275# \$24.50-25.00; Good to average-Choice 835-950# fed heifers in the two states \$23.00-24.50. Washington - Mostly Choice 99-109# slaughter lambs with No. 1 and 2 pelts \$18.25-19.00. Idaho - Choice 103-109# woolled slaughter lambs \$20.25-20.75.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Fed cattle moderately active, steady; stockers and feeders slow, steady. Four loads Choice 1100-1175# fed steers \$24.50; 8 loads 900-960# Good and Choice fed heifers on dressed basis \$40.00-41.00. Montana: About 150 Choice 525-560# stock steers \$28.25-29.75. Two loads Good and Choice 110-113# woolled slaughter lambs \$17.50-17.75; 3 loads Choice 106-111# \$19.25, F.O.B.; 1,000 Good and Choice blackface yearling shorn ewes for early summer delivery \$22.25 per head; 325,000# of 12 months 1960 shearing ewes wool, medium to fine, 46½-49¢ per grease pound.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep	
	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Jan. 30	Jan. 31
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Chicago	42,577	47,295	328	423	44,739	53,455	10,727	17,420
Cincinnati	3,188	2,171	634	527	12,297	13,238	829	683
Denver	9,179	8,544	373	312	6,760	4,156	16,987	25,580
Fort Worth	5,962	5,095	2,537	1,548	2,582	2,445	8,001	16,263
Indianapolis ...	7,529	7,128	543	618	39,258	41,409	2,939	2,832
Kansas City	21,639	16,409	928	1,092	18,431	13,189	5,322	6,464
Oklahoma City ..	9,908	9,403	839	551	3,158	3,023	1,075	1,093
Omaha	35,771	41,330	952	756	61,183	46,768	16,476	15,418
St. Joseph	14,778	14,141	467	520	30,354	25,405	5,254	7,741
St. Louis NSY ..	13,423	13,977	1,928	1,983	65,412	63,545	4,624	5,741
Sioux City	25,620	28,591	1,351	2,189	53,479	48,942	8,022	7,774
S. St. Paul	18,625	18,871	8,896	9,023	61,950	65,109	14,951	10,471
Total	208,199	212,955	19,776	19,542	399,603	380,684	95,207	117,480
Jan. 23, 1960 ..	238,888		25,075		399,536		109,291	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Jan. 30, 1960	Jan. 23, 1960	Jan. 31, 1959
Hogs	380,000	415,000	411,000
Sheep	29,800	32,800	27,400

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Jan. 28 : 1960	Jan. 29 : 1959	Jan. 28 : 1960	Jan. 29 : 1959	Jan. 28 : 1960	Jan. 29 : 1959	Jan. 28 : 1960	Jan. 29 : 1959
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	3,649	3,261	12.3	10.3	1,247	1,260	28.16	30.66
Choice.....	19,425	17,242	65.2	54.6	1,192	1,210	26.33	28.54
Good.....	5,169	8,653	17.4	27.4	1,109	1,148	24.53	26.88
Standard.....	1,229	2,194	4.1	7.0	1,029	1,111	22.50	25.54
Commercial.....	157	57	.5	.2	1,488	1,538	21.43	24.78
Utility.....	151	150	.5	.5	1,015	1,009	18.83	23.46
All grades.....	29,780	31,557			1,178	1,191	26.07	28.11
OMAHA								
Prime.....	176	195	1.1	1.0	1,154	1,166	27.08	29.58
Choice.....	5,913	8,051	38.9	41.8	1,152	1,209	25.57	27.01
Good.....	8,170	9,864	53.8	51.3	1,138	1,163	23.66	25.59
Standard.....	772	847	5.1	4.4	1,091	1,130	20.29	24.02
Utility.....	165	293	1.1	1.5	1,099	1,114	17.92	22.45
All grades.....	15,196	19,250			1,141	1,180	24.23	26.13
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	123	129	1.6	1.2	1,196	1,176	27.53	29.81
Choice.....	4,467	4,437	56.7	40.4	1,159	1,154	25.59	28.01
Good.....	2,986	5,676	37.9	51.7	1,093	1,161	24.11	26.09
Standard.....	262	637	3.3	5.8	1,101	1,096	20.55	23.85
Utility.....	42	105	.5	.9	1,043	1,054	17.96	22.38
All grades.....	7,880	10,984			1,132	1,153	24.88	26.75
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,323	2,068	27.1	27.2	1,169	1,206	25.12	27.16
Good.....	4,952	4,465	58.9	58.6	1,112	1,127	23.31	25.43
Standard.....	1,022	947	12.2	12.4	1,075	1,101	21.55	24.12
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	113	134	1.3	1.8	1,127	1,096	17.75	22.12
All grades.....	8,410	7,614			1,123	1,144	23.55	25.71
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	416	398	8.7	7.3	1,035	1,079	26.03	28.08
Good.....	2,786	2,433	58.3	44.6	1,047	1,114	24.34	26.75
Standard.....	1,436	2,517	30.0	46.1	1,054	1,028	21.80	25.34
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	144	108	3.0	2.0	901	947	18.60	22.41
All grades.....	4,782	5,456			1,044	1,068	23.56	26.15
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,058	1,269	37.2	19.8	1,127	1,155	25.06	27.77
Good.....	3,116	4,345	56.4	68.0	1,131	1,121	23.49	25.95
Standard.....	313	752	5.7	11.8	1,091	1,061	20.21	24.18
Utility.....	41	26	.7	.4	981	927	16.87	22.39
All grades.....	5,528	6,392			1,126	1,120	23.85	26.11
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,102	1,052	49.2	40.3	1,212	1,202	25.39	26.86
Good.....	998	1,539	44.6	59.0	1,148	1,160	24.26	25.83
Standard.....	110	18	4.9	.7	1,063	1,082	18.80	22.75
Utility.....	30	--	1.3	--	1,049	--	17.85	--
All grades.....	2,240	2,609			1,174	1,176	24.51	26.23

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Twelve months	
	Jan. 28	Jan. 21	Jan. 29	Dec.	Dec.	Jan. - Dec.	
	1960	1960	1959	1959	1958	1959	1958
Steers - 1001# up	1,100	314	1,795	3,311	5,891	48,826	47,052
901-1000	2,697	1,705	3,753	7,588	10,326	121,422	124,645
801-900	3,980	3,507	4,101	16,177	13,529	206,073	197,006
701-800	5,283	5,314	4,921	20,775	14,613	293,223	245,805
501-700	9,121	9,246	9,818	38,685	27,365	620,691	507,259
Total steers 10 mths.	22,181	20,086	24,388	86,536	71,724	1290,235	1121,767
Av. wts. " " "	742#	723#	754#	732#	765#	724#	735#
Av. cost** " " "	\$23.75	\$24.12	\$27.74	\$22.97	\$26.33	\$26.15	\$25.85
" " " Chicago	24.09	23.34	26.44	22.87	25.89	26.52	25.61
" " " Ks. City	23.30	24.06	25.85	22.51	25.81	25.61	25.56
" " " Omaha	23.14	24.56	27.01	23.62	27.06	26.90	26.67
" " " S. St. Paul	21.84	22.02	25.28	21.54	25.00	24.56	24.14
" " " Sioux City	25.08	25.09	29.04	24.72	27.46	27.74	26.73
" " " Denver	25.06	25.23	29.62	23.96	27.15	26.22	26.76
" " " Ft. Worth	22.99	23.46	27.45	21.88	26.58	25.56	24.65
" " " Okla. City	22.65	22.51	26.70	21.21	26.46	25.12	24.84
" " " S. St. Joseph	23.38	23.16	27.05	21.89	26.31	25.82	25.25
" " " Natl. Stk. Yds.	23.36	22.83	25.97	21.42	24.65	24.79	24.43
Total calves-10 mths.	17,075	16,157	17,829	70,802	63,572	724,170	659,286
" heifers " "	2,908	2,300	3,387	12,181	14,632	234,784	220,428
" cows " "	770	475	805	7,104	7,493	47,674	51,501

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and Mutton		Total meat	Total lard
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	prod.	prod.
	1,000 mil. lb.	1,000 mil. lb.	1,000 mil. lb.	1,000 mil. lb.	1,000 mil. lb.	1,000 mil. lb.	1,000 mil. lb.	1,000 mil. lb.	mil. lb.	mil. lb.
Jan. 30, 1960	355	214.4	100	11.2	1,440	197.0	275	14.0	436.6	--
Jan. 23, 1960	385	234.8	95	10.6	1,510	205.8	290	14.8	466.0	--
Jan. 16, 1960 1/	408	--	108	--	1,706	--	323	--	--	56.0
Jan. 31, 1959 1/	327	200.9	99	11.0	1,394	187.5	288	14.6	414.0	46.3
Percentage change from:										
Jan. 23, 1960	-8	-9	5	6	-5	-4	-5	-5	-6	--
Jan. 31, 1959	9	7	1	2	3	5	-5	-4	5	--
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Week ended	Average weight (lb.)									
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs		Lard	
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	per 100 lb.	
Jan. 30, 1960	1060	604	200	112	238	137	104	51	--	
Jan. 23, 1960	1070	610	200	112	237	136	104	51	--	
Jan. 16, 1960	1060	604	200	112	239	137	103	50	--	
Jan. 31, 1959	1078	614	196	111	236	135	104	51	14.1	

1/ Actual slaughter.

2/ Excludes lard.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle				Calves				Hogs				Sheep and lambs			
	Jan. 30 :		Jan. 31 :		Jan. 30 :		Jan. 31 :		Jan. 30 :		Jan. 31 :		Jan. 30 :		Jan. 31 :	
	1960 :	1959 :	1960 :	1959 :	1960 :	1959 :	1960 :	1959 :	1960 :	1959 :	1960 :	1959 :	1960 :	1959 :	1960 :	1959 :
Boston, New York City Area.	13,486	12,984	8,375	7,742	50,007	52,196	41,720	41,684								
Baltimore, Philadelphia....	8,248	7,857	2,179	584	30,363	32,645	5,116	3,168								
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls.	19,009	15,303	4,358	4,753	147,180	126,514	17,685	13,637								
Chicago Area.....	16,679	22,931	7,711	7,673	38,033	54,625	7,508	6,563								
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	27,545	27,157	24,183	25,344	113,215	116,987	20,574	15,621								
St. Louis Area.....	10,896	9,896	1,266	1,514	80,646	94,586	5,980	5,075								
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	23,220	19,412	--	--	104,953	100,316	19,855	18,222								
Omaha Area.....	35,493	34,436	128	187	85,328	84,642	18,962	18,298								
Kansas City.....	15,625	12,067	--	--	44,845	32,524	--	--								
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	30,048	28,579	10,166	10,394	306,773	335,024	34,673	33,956								
Lou'l. Evan'l. Nash'l. Mph's..	6,772	6,780	2,919	3,590	59,850	52,174	--	--								
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area	6,542	5,847	2,053	2,657	32,136	25,743	--	--								
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	20,410	17,783	1,368	1,096	55,335	42,613	10,132	12,268								
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio	9,264	8,980	3,199	3,981	17,671	21,262	12,077	15,411								
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City	18,768	16,574	225	257	20,584	13,493	27,364	32,731								
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas	26,264	21,173	1,139	1,907	31,003	27,491	25,776	31,361								
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	6,696	5,333	311	241	20,979	15,878	3,223	4,603								
Total.....	294,965	273,092	69,580	71,920	1,238,901	1,228,713	250,645	252,598								
Accumulation to date.....	1,285,677	1,150,232	293,716	294,980	5,569,313	4,987,281	1,113,413	1,098,553								

ACTUAL FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND REVISED ESTIMATE OF MEAT PRODUCTION

BY WEEKS, DECEMBER 1959

Week ended	Cattle				Calves				Hogs				Sheep and Lambs				Total				Lard
	Num-ber		Av.		Num-ber		Av.		Num-ber		Av.		Prod.		Total meat prod.		Yield per 100 lb.				
	1,000	lb.	mil.lb.	lb.	1,000	lb.	mil.lb.	lb.	1,000	lb.	mil.lb.	lb.	1,000	lb.	mil.lb.	lb.	mil.lb.	lb.			
Dec. 5, 1959	371	601	223.1	117	113	13.2	1,673	138	231.4	304	49	14.8	482.5	14.0	56.5						
Dec. 12, 1959	381	601	229.1	109	110	12.0	1,717	137	235.7	309	49	15.0	491.8	14.5	60.4						
Dec. 19, 1959	339	598	202.8	103	110	11.3	1,535	136	209.2	225	48	10.9	434.2	12.6	46.5						
Dec. 26, 1959	263	610	160.3	72	111	8.0	1,187	137	162.9	175	49	8.5	339.7	16.1	45.9						
Jan. 2, 1960	289	604	174.7	77	113	8.7	1,280	135	173.1	241	49	11.9	368.4	14.1	42.8						
1/ Excludes lard.																					

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.
	30	31	30	31	30	31	30	31	30	31
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	28.02	30.85	--	--	27.75	30.05	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	28.20	30.72	--	--	27.60	29.72	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	26.68	29.25	25.62	28.68	26.22	28.55	25.95	27.42	26.75	28.25
1100-1300	26.10	28.62	25.25	27.72	25.68	28.08	25.70	26.98	25.81	27.88
Good 900-1100	24.42	27.00	23.12	26.22	23.35	26.22	22.70	25.20	25.00	27.38
Standard - All wts.	21.80	25.28	20.25	23.70	20.02	24.02	19.08	22.60	22.25	25.88
Heifers -										
Choice* 700-900#	26.28	28.75	25.00	28.30	26.12	27.98	25.42	27.38	24.62	--
Good** 600-800	--	26.55	22.75	25.98	23.22	25.30	22.40	25.30	23.12	25.88
Standard - All wts.	20.78	24.00	19.75	23.28	19.95	22.95	19.00	22.60	20.75	24.38
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	15.95	20.65	17.00	20.65	16.00	19.88	17.30	21.25	17.25	20.50
Utility	15.28	19.50	15.75	19.25	14.75	18.58	16.05	19.75	16.00	18.62
Cutter	14.60)	18.08	14.62)	16.82	13.58)	16.45	14.30)	17.25	13.38)	15.62
Canner	13.28)		12.88)		12.58)		13.05)		11.31)	
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	21.48	25.55	20.00	22.80	20.05	22.62	--	22.50	21.50	23.25
Utility	20.50	24.05	19.50	22.00	19.80	21.50	19.50	22.90	22.62	25.00
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	24.75	29.00	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good	--	--	23.25	27.50	--	--	--	--	25.50	27.25
Standard	--	--	20.25	26.00	--	--	--	--	22.50	25.00
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	30.50	--	27.50	34.00	25.50	30.60	--	--	31.75	34.00
Good	28.50	34.50	25.50	31.50	23.75	28.10	--	--	29.25	30.50
Standard	24.00	29.80	21.50	28.00	20.75	25.60	--	--	25.00	26.50
<u>Feeder and stocker cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	27.75	31.50	26.25	30.75	26.75	30.80	26.00	30.70	24.50	27.75
Good 500-800	25.25	28.00	23.75	28.25	24.52	27.10	24.00	27.80	23.50	26.25
Medium 500-1000	22.15	25.75	20.25	25.50	20.75	23.85	21.00	24.30	20.00	23.25
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	23.50	27.50	24.25	28.00	23.50	27.00	23.25	26.75
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	19.50	25.25	21.50	24.00	21.25	24.75	20.00	24.00
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	16.00	19.50	13.38	20.25	--	19.50	15.00	--
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	27.50	34.50	30.25	36.00	30.00	38.00	26.25	31.00
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	25.50	31.25	27.00	33.00	28.00	34.50	24.75	28.50

*Weight range 600-800# in 1959.

** " " 700-900# " "

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior		St. Louis		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	Jan.	31	Jan.	31	Jan.	31	Jan.	31	Jan.	31	Jan.	31	Jan.	31	Jan.	31
Barrows and gilts																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	13.44	17.02	--	--	13.82	17.05	13.30	16.65	13.80	17.04	13.58	16.80	--	17.02	13.40	17.02
200-220	13.81	16.98	--	--	13.83	17.10	13.75	17.00	13.85	17.06	13.87	17.00	13.70	17.05	13.60	16.95
220-240	13.66	16.65	--	--	13.70	16.82	13.75	16.84	13.68	16.84	13.68	16.85	13.70	17.00	13.40	16.48
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	13.42	16.54	--	--	13.38	16.76	13.22	16.65	13.32	16.54	13.15	--	13.10	16.52	13.18	16.65
220-240	13.26	16.25	--	--	13.24	16.50	13.20	16.52	13.28	16.54	13.15	16.10	13.08	16.52	13.08	16.22
240-270	13.04	15.85	--	--	12.78	16.02	12.80	15.85	12.88	16.08	12.98	15.80	12.80	16.15	12.75	15.55
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	13.19	16.72	12.60	15.68	13.58	16.95	13.05	16.55	13.56	16.76	13.22	16.38	13.03	16.82	13.26	16.90
200-220	13.58	16.76	13.09	16.20	13.58	16.85	13.40	16.75	13.56	16.76	13.30	16.60	13.40	16.82	13.41	16.82
220-240	13.46	16.48	12.84	15.83	13.35	16.68	13.40	16.72	13.50	16.71	13.30	16.40	13.38	16.79	13.24	16.35
240-270	13.18	16.02	12.36	15.20	13.02	16.32	13.05	15.92	13.06	16.25	13.05	16.00	13.08	16.40	12.88	15.68
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3																
270-330	--	--	11.48	14.15	11.95	15.25	11.62	14.52	11.75	15.08	11.98	14.92	11.62	15.05	11.60	14.50
330-400	11.68	14.65	10.88	13.65	11.65	14.70	11.22	14.10	11.38	14.82	11.54	14.45	11.41	14.65	11.25	13.95
400-550	11.02	13.80	9.77	12.69	10.78	13.75	10.98	13.55	10.80	14.10	10.91	13.78	10.92	13.92	10.82	13.15
South																
St. Paul																
Sioux City																
Sioux Falls																
Cincinnati																
Fort Worth																
Thomasville																
Baltimore																
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Barrows and gilts																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	13.28	16.88	13.32	16.92	--	--	13.56	16.88	--	--	13.45	17.10	15.00	18.08	15.12	19.09
200-220	13.88	16.90	13.59	17.10	13.42	16.69	13.74	17.00	--	--	13.45	17.10	15.04	18.25	15.12	19.09
220-240	13.88	16.90	13.56	16.95	13.42	16.54	13.42	--	--	--	13.45	17.10	--	--	14.88	18.81
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	13.38	16.08	13.28	16.52	13.20	16.42	13.66	16.87	13.00	16.94	12.82	16.35	--	--	--	18.25
220-240	13.25	15.90	13.27	16.45	13.15	16.22	13.41	16.62	12.84	16.75	12.82	16.35	--	--	--	18.25
240-270	12.98	15.48	13.10	16.02	12.72	15.72	12.80	16.00	12.66	16.44	12.28	15.78	14.12	17.05	--	17.56
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	13.00	16.28	13.30	16.66	--	--	13.54	16.88	--	--	12.95	16.48	14.66	--	14.34	--
200-220	13.38	16.30	13.45	16.66	13.28	16.52	13.66	16.88	13.25	16.97	12.95	16.48	14.84	17.80	14.34	--
220-240	13.28	16.08	13.42	16.61	13.23	16.38	13.41	16.62	12.97	16.75	12.95	16.48	14.72	--	13.97	--
240-270	--	--	13.11	16.22	12.80	15.68	12.80	16.00	12.62	16.44	--	--	--	--	13.44	--
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3																
270-330	12.10	14.90	--	14.84	11.78	--	11.45	15.02	10.75	14.25	9.38	13.98	--	--	12.50	16.19
330-400	11.68	14.40	11.62	14.38	11.52	14.05	11.28	14.65	10.38	13.75	9.00	13.35	--	--	11.75	15.06
400-550	11.08	13.50	11.15	13.50	10.90	13.08	10.68	14.10	9.50	13.42	8.25	12.48	--	--	10.75	13.88
Feeder pigs - All wts.																
Good and Choice	11.45	15.15	--	15.62	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES ^{1/}

Week ended		Chi- cago	St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Jan. 30, 1960	13.18	13.24	13.07	13.01	13.01	13.18	13.14	13.42	13.15
	Jan. 23, 1960	12.89	13.09	13.19	13.19	13.19	13.22	13.14	13.27	13.14
	Jan. 31, 1959	16.09	16.63	16.43	16.08	15.96	16.19	15.81	16.57	16.19
Sows	Jan. 30, 1960	11.04	11.05	11.03	11.00	11.19	11.14	11.17	10.82	11.05
	Jan. 23, 1960	10.79	10.96	10.77	10.87	11.29	10.76	10.73	10.64	10.86
	Jan. 31, 1959	14.06	13.78	14.22	13.62	13.50	14.11	13.67	14.22	13.82
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Jan. 30, 1960	235	218	230	242	242	226	232	227	232
	Jan. 23, 1960	236	220	231	241	245	226	233	227	232
	Jan. 31, 1959	238	225	228	246	248	233	233	223	235
Sows	Jan. 30, 1960	454	404	433	437	452	410	426	436	432
	Jan. 23, 1960	450	403	426	441	447	417	422	439	431
	Jan. 31, 1959	440	434	427	442	447	407	423	453	437
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Jan. 30, 1960	34682	59289	16925	52666	46805	27199	51453	34380	323399
	Jan. 23, 1960	40462	68212	16466	45411	42248	30687	47529	37056	328071
	Jan. 31, 1959	45721	56470	11935	40447	43468	22436	53673	36918	311068
Sows	Jan. 30, 1960	4102	4650	989	5117	3322	1931	3068	2860	26039
	Jan. 23, 1960	4256	4656	941	3739	3019	2221	3196	3371	25399
	Jan. 31, 1959	4023	3852	794	4242	3420	1643	3420	2325	23719
SOWS		Percentage of total								
Jan. 30, 1960		11	7	6	9	7	7	6	8	7
Jan. 23, 1960		10	6	5	8	7	7	6	8	7
Jan. 31, 1959		8	6	6	9	7	7	6	6	7

^{1/} Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products ^{1/}	Hog prices ^{2/}	Gross spread or margin ^{3/}
Jan. 30, 1960	\$15.31	\$13.58	\$1.73
Jan. 23, 1960	15.60	13.40	2.20
Jan. 31, 1959	18.62	16.76	1.86

^{1/} Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

^{2/} Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

^{3/} Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, ^{1/} No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Jan. 30, 1960	13.18	113.8	11.6
Jan. 23, 1960	12.89	116.0	11.1
Jan. 31, 1959	16.09	116.8	13.8

^{1/} Simple average price.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Choice	Jan. 30, 1960	20.38	19.42	19.50	17.62	19.70	18.80	19.50
	Jan. 31, 1959	19.45	18.42	18.05	17.05	18.80	18.78	18.66*
Good	Jan. 30, 1960	19.68	18.70	18.50	17.25	19.12	18.00	18.75
	Jan. 31, 1959	18.75	17.62	17.25	16.58	18.08	17.85	18.06*
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good and Choice	Jan. 30, 1960	7.25	5.50	6.00	--	5.75	5.25	5.75
	Jan. 31, 1959	6.75	7.75	6.75	--	8.25	7.00	8.25
Cull and Utility	Jan. 30, 1960	6.38	4.12	5.00	7.20*	4.25	3.50	4.25
	Jan. 31, 1959	6.50	6.25	5.00	--	6.25	4.50	5.50
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.								
Good and Choice	Jan. 30, 1960	--	18.60	--	17.00	18.88	--	17.31
	Jan. 31, 1959	--	19.75	--	16.85	19.25	--	17.25

*Shorn basis.

ESTIMATED PERCENT FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE
AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul
Feeder and stockers							
Jan. 29, 1960	2	35	12	14	6	28	5
Jan. 22, 1960	2	28	8	11	6	31	5
Jan. 30, 1959	2	32	14	14	3	26	5
Slaughter cows							
Jan. 29, 1960	6	9	10	8	17	8	30
Jan. 22, 1960	5	7	7	7	10	7	20
Jan. 30, 1959	6	7	8	6	10	5	30
Indianapolis : Denver : Fort Worth : Okla. City : Wichita : San Antonio							
Feeder and stockers							
Jan. 29, 1960	7	7	50	60	40	50	
Jan. 22, 1960	7	62	55	42	45	60	
Jan. 30, 1959	3	10	65	73	53	45	
Slaughter cows							
Jan. 29, 1960	12	22	15	9	16	25	
Jan. 22, 1960	8	9	15	8	14	15	
Jan. 30, 1959	6	15	10	8	16	17	

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Trading on fresh meats was generally slow. Demand was poor and clearance was incomplete as lower prices failed to stimulate movement. Fairly complete clearances were effected at Philadelphia, but there was some carryover of steer beef and pork loins at Washington, and a large carryover of beef, lamb and pork at New York and Boston. Supplies of most classes were normal at Eastern Seaboard markets, except veal and calf limited. Prices generally followed a lower pattern, however, veal sold higher at Washington and New York, and pork spareribs advanced at most points. Compared with the previous week: Steer beef prices were uneven but averaged mostly steady at Baltimore; prices declined 50¢-\$2.00 at Philadelphia and Boston. The trend at Washington steady to \$1.50 off, while at New York the small volume of Prime steer beef sold steady, but Good and Choice closed weak to mostly 50¢ lower. Cow beef sold steady to \$1.50 lower; veal steady at Boston and Baltimore, weak to \$1.00 lower at Philadelphia, steady to \$1.00 higher at Washington. Prices for both veal and calf were fully \$1.00 higher at New York. Lamb sales were on a weak to mostly lower basis with declines at most points ranging from \$1.00-4.00. Pork loins closed \$1.00-5.00 lower, the bulk \$2.00-5.00 off. Skinned fresh hams sold mostly steady; Boston butts steady to \$2.00 lower; spareribs steady to \$2.00 higher, with the advance at Philadelphia, Washington and New York.

CHICAGO - Volume of beef, lamb and fresh pork increased somewhat over the previous week and was near normal. Supply of veal was small. Beef supply included liberal showing steer carcasses over 700#. Carcass beef trade was rather slow, prices lower on initial sessions following declines late in the previous week. Prices firmed somewhat on Wednesday when livestock receipts at the 12 markets were nearly 50 percent less than a week earlier. Beef ribs 30# and down cleared satisfactorily but trading on other primal beef cuts was generally slow. However, lower price levels stimulated chuck movement somewhat at the close. Veal trade was dull but sellers were able to clear small supplies. Moderate demand prevailed for carcass lamb with best action in this division on hindsaddles, legs and loins. Pork loins and spareribs found adequate outlet while demand was poor for Boston butts. Compared to the previous Friday: Steer and heifer beef 50¢-\$1.00 lower; veal steady to \$1.00 higher; lamb steady

to \$1.00 lower; pork loins steady to \$1.00 lower; Boston butts steady; spareribs 50¢-\$1.00 higher.

PACIFIC COAST - Choice steer beef carcasses under 600# continued in limited supply while Choice 600-900# along with Standard and Good was fairly liberal. Trading on beef was generally slow and at Los Angeles, clearances were incomplete. Calf and veal were in moderate to small supply with lamb carcasses under 55# moderate. Lamb carcasses weighing 55-65# were more than adequate for a poor demand. Fresh and cured pork cuts were also more than adequate for a slow movement with fairly large accumulations of loins, N. Y. shoulders and smoked skinned hams at Los Angeles. Prices compared to the previous week's close: Steer beef steady to 50¢ lower; cow beef weak to \$2.00 lower; calf mostly steady; veal steady, instances \$2.00 higher; lamb steady to \$1.00 lower, the decline mostly on carcasses over 55#; fresh pork loins \$2.00-4.00 lower; other fresh and cured pork steady to \$1.00 lower except sliced bacon instances \$2.00 higher at San Francisco.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

Trading on steer and heifer beef was generally slow with demand poor. Lamb carcass trading was only moderately active at best. Volume of sales was below normal at most points. At Chicago, steer and heifer carcasses closed steady to \$1.00 lower for the week with most decline on Good, all weights, and Choice 700-900#. Choice steer beef sold mostly \$1.00 lower at New York, some sales \$2.00 off, with Good \$1.00-2.50 lower, mainly \$2.00 off. All grades of steer beef sold 50¢-\$1.50 lower at Philadelphia. At Denver, sales were \$1.00-1.50 lower on steer beef and 50¢-\$1.00 lower on heifer. At Omaha, Choice steer beef closed \$1.00-1.50 lower, Good \$1.00-2.00 lower and heifer 50¢-\$1.00 off. Price trends on lamb were very uneven. Sales were steady at Chicago, steady to 50¢ lower at Philadelphia and \$1.00-1.50 off at Omaha. At New York lamb sold \$1.00-2.00 lower with most decline on carcasses 55-65#, while at Denver, 35-55# lamb sold \$1.00 lower but 55-65# carcasses were mostly steady.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS

Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.
		30	31	30	31	30	31	30	31
		1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	48.00	49.72	--	48.38	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	45.85	49.05	44.81	47.25	44.00	46.88	43.75	46.75
	700-800	43.95	47.55	42.38	44.88	42.50	45.50	41.94	44.25
Good	400-500	--	--	42.12	44.38	44.50	47.50	--	--
	500-600	43.45	45.55	41.38	44.38	43.50	47.00	42.50	46.62
	600-700	43.95	46.05	41.38	44.38	41.50	45.75	40.50	44.62
Standard	500-600	--	--	39.00	43.50	41.00	45.00	40.00	45.00
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	44.12	--	43.50	--	43.00	--
	600-700	--	--	43.81	--	42.00	--	41.00	--
Good	500-600	--	--	40.62	--	--	--	41.00	--
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	64.50	64.30	58.50	61.00	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	53.50	55.70	53.50	56.00	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	47.50	53.00	49.75	53.50	55.00	59.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	42.30	43.00	--	40.75	--	41.50	41.75	42.25
Choice	45-55	40.50	42.10	40.00	39.75	41.00	40.50	41.75	42.25
Good	35-65	38.30	40.40	37.50	35.25	40.00	41.00	39.38	39.75
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	38.70	46.80	35.75	43.35	40.00	49.00	38.62	48.50
	12-16	36.80	45.30	34.75	41.70	38.50	49.00	38.62	48.50
Butts	4-8	32.50	37.00	28.00	32.70	36.00	42.00	34.25	39.75
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	39.50	51.00	47.25	53.12	50.00	56.00	46.00	52.00
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		36.00	46.50	43.00	50.88	41.00	51.50	43.00	53.62
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	29.50	33.00	33.50	36.25	30.00	34.00	30.00	36.00
Lard, 1# carton		12.68	14.50	12.00	13.50	15.50	18.50	13.75	15.25

Note: Prices at New York exclude locally dressed fresh meats. Variation in prices in some cured pork cuts between Chicago and New York due in part to differences in processing and packaging.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED JAN. 29, 1960

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	43.00-43.50	41.50-42.50	41.75-42.25	44.00-45.00	44.50-45.00
	700-800	40.50-41.50	40.00	40.00-40.25	42.50-43.50	42.50-43.50
	800-900	38.50-39.50	37.50-39.00	38.00-38.25	40.50-41.50	40.00-41.00
Good	500-600	39.00-40.00	--	--	41.00-42.00	--
	600-700	39.00-40.00	35.50-39.00	37.75-39.25	40.50-42.00	40.00-41.00
	700-800	38.50-39.50	34.00-37.50	37.00-37.75	39.00-41.00	39.50-40.50
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	42.00-43.00	42.50	41.50	--	44.00-45.00
	600-700	41.50-42.50	40.00-41.00	41.00	--	--
Good	500-600	37.50-38.50	37.50-38.50	37.00-37.50	--	39.50-40.50
	600-700	37.50-38.50	37.50-38.50	36.50-37.00	--	--
Lamb -						
Choice	35-45#	40.00	36.50*	38.25	40.00-43.00	42.00-42.50
	45-55	37.00-38.00	33.50-35.00*	35.25-36.25	37.50-39.00	38.00-39.50
	55-65	35.00-36.00	33.00*	33.25-33.75	35.00-37.50	36.50-37.50

*Good and Choice

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading in the Boston wool market continued slow but woolen and worsted type pulled wools again moved at firm prices.

The Dominion markets have been weak since the openings Monday, with prices weak. Eastern Europe and Japan were the principal buyers in Sydney and Melbourne.

The carpet industry was the largest buyer of imported wools for the week. There was activity and interest in South American carpet wools.

Fleece Wools - Medium lambs wool was in demand and sales were reported at 87-90¢, clean. Three-eighths and quarter-blood fleece wools were in demand but there were none offered.

Territory Wools - Northern Montana reported the contracting of 8,500 fleeces mixed 3/8s and 1/2-blood and including 2,000 fleeces 10 months ewes wool at \$1.14 per pound, clean basis, landed Boston. Two clips totalling 7,000 fleeces, mixed fine and half-blood went at \$1.13 to \$1.13½, clean basis, landed Boston. About 3,000 mixed grade fleeces were contracted for 47-49¢ per grease pound, F.O.B. Montana.

Texas Wools - The Texas market was inactive. The only reported sales were clippings at 21½-24¢, grease basis.

Mohair - No sales were confirmed.

Foreign Wools - Quotes follow. Combining wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields in bond.

<u>Australia</u>		<u>New Zealand</u>	
<u>Oil-combed</u>		<u>Oil-combed</u>	
62	- \$1.19	86	- 98¢
62A	- 1.16	93	- 95¢
63	- 1.13	834	- 94¢
432B	- 1.16	100	- 92¢
432	- 1.16	107	- 91¢
433	- 1.11	114	- 89¢
434	- .99	128	- 89¢

South Africa

<u>Oil-combed</u>		<u>Scoured yields</u>	
7	- \$1.16	22	- \$1.09
8	- 1.15	27	- 1.07
47	- 1.15	32	- 1.04
48	- 1.11		

Montevideo Super Skirted (Clean basis)

60/64s	- \$1.10	58/56s	- 98¢
60s	- 1.05	56/50s	- 97¢
60/58s	- 1.01		

Carpet Wools - Offerings for shipment, clean fibers present follow: New Zealand: Carpet B style 90¢; 2nd shear 88-89¢. Buenos Aires: Nov. 2nd clip 90¢; March 2nd clip 87¢; Cordoba blend 88-89¢.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

<u>Scoured Pulled Domestic</u>			
64s	1-2"	White	\$1.23
64s	2-3½"	White	1.31
58s	1-2"	White	1.09
58s	2-3"	Gray	.88
58s	2-3"	Tinged	1.13
56/58s	2-3"	Ch. Black	1.05

Noils

Aust. Schlumbergers, Ave. style	85¢
N. Z. Cross-bred nobles	85¢
Dom. fine French	76¢
64s Aust. nobles clear to	
semi-clear	98¢
Aust. locks and pieces	\$1.10

Greasy Pulled Domestic (Clean Basis)

58s	2½-3"	Defective	\$1.11
56/58s	2-4"	White	1.17

Wool Tops - The market was quiet and the demand for 1/4 blood tops continued. Quotes follow:

<u>Warp Aust. D/C</u>		<u>Warp Dom. D/C</u>	
70s	- \$1.96		\$1.93
64s	- 1.90		1.87
62s	- 1.84		1.79
60s	- 1.79		1.70
58/60s	- 1.75		1.64

<u>Oil-Combed</u>	<u>Territory</u>	<u>Fleece</u>
58/60s - \$1.73	\$1.62	--
56s - --	1.55	\$1.53
50/56s - --	1.52	1.52
48/50s - --	--	1.38

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Jan. 28, 1960 (Furnished by the Wool Assoc. of the N. Y. Cotton Exchange).

March wool tops	- \$1.565
March wool	- 1.241
May wool tops	- 1.589
May wool	- 1.249

Federally inspected slaughter in the United States, by months, 1953-59

CATTLE

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.- Dec.
Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.
1953.....	1,313	1,170	1,299	1,371	1,345	1,450	1,498	1,494	1,644	1,782	1,609	1,653	17,629
1954.....	1,541	1,302	1,511	1,417	1,439	1,570	1,622	1,635	1,638	1,616	1,602	1,583	18,476
1955.....	1,521	1,313	1,524	1,452	1,560	1,641	1,524	1,797	1,752	1,693	1,662	1,617	19,055
1956.....	1,697	1,484	1,566	1,545	1,646	1,679	1,728	1,774	1,617	1,959	1,807	1,686	20,186
1957.....	1,851	1,488	1,514	1,499	1,665	1,535	1,759	1,726	1,627	1,801	1,515	1,473	19,454
1958.....	1,630	1,309	1,360	1,383	1,468	1,506	1,561	1,479	1,561	1,647	1,302	1,437	17,642
1959.....	1,441	1,219	1,334	1,433	1,412	1,473	1,557	1,450	1,539	1,586	1,462	1,552	17,459

CALVES

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.- Dec.
Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.
1953.....	453	422	535	541	504	586	616	602	687	776	658	634	7,013
1954.....	546	518	660	598	561	622	640	649	706	738	694	639	7,573
1955.....	563	517	660	596	588	610	550	646	710	728	700	633	7,499
1956.....	602	586	647	604	606	596	610	691	661	872	763	605	7,843
1957.....	657	550	632	613	580	535	596	615	638	742	598	569	7,324
1958.....	547	468	518	485	438	430	435	424	471	541	441	474	5,672
1959.....	424	377	423	406	358	366	382	359	415	471	438	456	4,875

HOGS

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.- Dec.
Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.
1953.....	6,267	4,550	4,962	4,325	3,643	3,607	3,276	3,396	4,059	4,994	5,540	5,194	53,813
1954.....	4,712	3,883	4,554	3,853	3,380	3,453	3,325	3,852	4,743	5,178	5,841	6,119	52,894
1955.....	5,519	4,638	5,491	4,472	4,164	3,713	3,428	4,475	5,144	6,144	6,857	7,324	61,370
1956.....	6,705	5,922	6,327	5,252	4,875	4,326	4,199	4,559	4,979	6,347	6,559	5,698	65,748
1957.....	5,655	4,985	5,380	5,000	4,884	3,994	4,185	4,418	5,060	6,094	5,505	5,523	60,682
1958.....	5,531	4,453	4,818	4,963	4,444	4,209	4,326	4,515	5,219	5,911	5,258	5,814	59,462
1959.....	5,885	5,686	5,733	5,652	4,970	4,902	5,184	4,977	5,767	6,646	6,337	6,968	68,707

SHEEP AND LAMBS

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.- Dec.
Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.	Thous.
1953.....	1,289	1,088	1,190	1,100	1,015	1,055	1,108	1,158	1,366	1,529	1,159	1,227	14,283
1954.....	1,243	1,090	1,149	1,096	1,045	1,200	1,209	1,207	1,290	1,291	1,160	1,167	14,148
1955.....	1,223	1,080	1,244	1,180	1,228	1,205	1,076	1,239	1,344	1,248	1,162	1,155	14,383
1956.....	1,329	1,163	1,216	1,129	1,063	1,084	1,168	1,268	1,167	1,439	1,139	1,062	14,228
1957.....	1,333	1,091	1,011	1,061	1,133	1,044	1,200	1,111	1,104	1,210	958	978	13,234
1958.....	1,061	940	1,000	1,149	1,122	1,042	1,013	950	1,045	1,131	883	1,061	12,397
1959.....	1,322	1,080	1,143	1,101	1,017	1,056	1,107	1,010	1,177	1,200	1,070	1,182	13,466

Data furnished by Agricultural Research Service.

MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICE 1/- CHOICE SLAUGHTER STEERS - CHICAGO

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
1954 ...	24.74	23.86	23.89	24.83	24.25	23.88	23.99	24.08	25.00	25.37	25.85	26.53	24.66
1955 ...	26.98	26.17	25.80	24.62	23.09	22.63	22.72	22.43	22.69	22.01	20.83	20.35	23.16
1956 ...	20.02	18.88	19.41	20.56	20.70	21.05	22.37	25.81	27.27	26.08	24.30	21.99	22.30
1957 ...	21.23	20.57	21.86	22.99	23.31	23.48	25.12	25.63	24.98	24.67	25.20	25.98	23.83
1958 ...	26.82	27.54	29.90	29.37	28.83	28.07	26.99	26.11	26.70	26.67	26.77	27.19	27.42
1959 ...	28.13	27.85	29.11	30.33	29.34	28.48	27.89	27.56	27.62	27.19	26.53	25.57	27.83

MONTHLY AVERAGE WEIGHT 1/- CHOICE SLAUGHTER STEERS - CHICAGO

	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
1954 ...	1,141	1,146	1,138	1,118	1,111	1,102	1,104	1,088	1,068	1,066	1,068	1,100	1,102
1955 ...	1,132	1,148	1,138	1,138	1,139	1,138	1,143	1,129	1,125	1,134	1,121	1,130	1,134
1956 ...	1,164	1,187	1,189	1,192	1,174	1,163	1,143	1,116	1,099	1,113	1,136	1,153	1,152
1957 ...	1,176	1,199	1,196	1,178	1,180	1,181	1,154	1,140	1,141	1,142	1,138	1,138	1,162
1958 ...	1,157	1,165	1,172	1,157	1,156	1,166	1,165	1,164	1,156	1,165	1,174	1,192	1,166
1959 ...	1,209	1,209	1,211	1,199	1,201	1,195	1,196	1,187	1,180	1,160	1,159	1,165	1,187

MONTHLY AVERAGE COST 1/- BARROWS AND GILTS - 8 MKTS. COMBINED 2/

	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
1954 ...	25.15	25.83	25.86	27.30	26.09	24.22	22.78	22.36	19.99	18.84	18.59	17.33	22.25
1955 ...	16.82	16.25	16.09	16.96	17.21	19.60	17.76	16.40	16.28	14.40	12.12	10.67	15.19
1956 ...	11.70	12.41	13.20	15.01	16.31	16.68	16.47	16.87	16.29	15.64	14.90	16.69	14.82
1957 ...	17.89	17.16	17.25	17.95	18.24	19.65	20.79	21.27	19.34	17.20	17.01	18.45	18.29
1958 ...	19.26	20.16	21.20	20.64	22.03	22.97	23.12	21.33	20.42	18.88	18.13	17.86	20.25
1959 ...	16.63	15.63	15.89	16.09	16.09	15.91	14.40	14.65	13.81	13.11	12.61	11.86	14.64

MONTHLY AVERAGE WEIGHT 1/- BARROWS AND GILTS - 8 MARKETS COMBINED 2/

	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
1954 ...	240	235	235	238	239	233	220	209	213	221	231	236	230
1955 ...	241	236	235	233	230	225	215	209	210	216	224	228	226
1956 ...	231	227	224	223	223	221	217	211	214	217	223	227	222
1957 ...	232	229	230	230	230	226	215	208	210	218	225	229	224
1958 ...	232	228	229	233	234	229	219	214	218	224	230	233	227
1959 ...	238	232	229	232	231	229	221	216	218	224	228	230	228

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Eight markets include Chicago, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis National Stock Yards, Sioux City, South St. Joseph, and South St. Paul.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL 1/

Commodity and unit	Jan. 15 1960	Dec. 15 1959	Nov. 15 1959	Jan. 15 1959	Average Jan. 1947- Dec. 1949
Prices received by farmers -					
Hogs per 100 lb. Dollars	12.10	11.20	12.20	16.40	21.90
Beef cattle " " "	20.30	19.50	20.00	22.90	20.20
Calves " " "	24.00	23.10	23.90	27.80	22.60
Sheep " " "	5.74	5.33	5.31	7.01	9.15
Lambs " " "	17.80	16.60	17.20	18.40	21.90
Wool <u>2/</u> per pound "	.425	.417	.409	.346	.460
Corn per bushel "	.979	.959	.982	1.02	1.64
Oats " " "	.685	.677	.669	.590	.852
Barley " " "	.848	.864	.879	.911	1.37
Hay, all baled, per ton	22.20	21.90	21.00	19.30	22.40
Cottonseed " " "	39.60	39.10	38.80	43.30	71.60
					Jan. av. 1949-58
Hog-corn price ratio <u>3/</u>					
United States Bushel	12.4	11.7	12.4	16.1	13.7
N. Central States "	12.8	11.9	12.6	16.6	14.0
Iowa "	14.5	12.9	13.3	16.4	—
Index numbers: (Av. Jan. 1910 - Dec. 1914 = 100)					1947-49
All farm products	231	228	230	245	271
Feed grains and hay	151	149	150	152	230
Meat animals	278	264	275	328	334
Prices paid by farmers -					
All commodities	275	275	275	276	240

1/ Estimates of Crop Reporting Board. 2/ Average local market price for wool sold; does not include incentive payment to bring season average return to 62¢ per pound. 3/ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hog, live wt.

EFFECTIVE PARITY PRICES FOR LIVESTOCK, FEED AND WOOL 1/

Commodity and unit	Adjusted : base <u>2/</u> prices	Effective parity prices <u>3/</u> based on data for		
		Jan. 1960	Dec. 1959	Jan. 1959
Hogs per 100 lb. Dollars	7.14	21.30	21.60	21.70
Beef cattle " " "	7.92	23.70	23.10	23.20
Calves " " "	8.75	26.20	25.40	25.50
Lambs " " "	8.55	25.60	25.60	25.70
Wool per pound "	<u>4/</u> .248	.742	.719	.721
Corn per bushel "	.545	1.63	<u>5/</u> 1.71	<u>5/</u> 1.69
Oats " " "	.281	.840	.835	.837
Barley " " "	.424	1.27	1.28	1.28
Cottonseed per ton	<u>4/</u> 22.40	67.00	66.80	67.00

1/ Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle A, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, 1954, and 1956. 2/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 120-month, January 1950-December 1959 average, (including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations) by dividing by 255 percent (the 120-month average of the Index of Prices Received by Farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted. 3/ Effective parity prices as computed currently using base prices in effect and indexes for months indicated. These parity prices are the legally applicable parity prices for the following calendar month. 4/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived from 10 season average prices 1950-59 (including an allowance, where appropriate, for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations.) 5/ Transitional parity, basic commodities 80 percent and nonbasic commodities 45 percent (85 and 50 percent respectively during 1959) of parity price computed under formula in use prior to January 1, 1950.

SHIPMENTS OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SHEEP, DECEMBER 1959

Stocker and feeder cattle and calves shipped into 9 selected North Central States during December 1959 totaled 544,309 head compared with 352,177 during December 1958--an increase of 55 percent. Of the total cattle and calves received in December, 221,830 head came through public stockyards and 322,479 were received direct. The number of cattle and calves shipped during the period July-December amounted to 4,338,279 head compared with 3,949,630 during the same period in 1958--an increase of 10 percent.

Sheep and lambs shipped into these 9 States in December totaled 141,285 head compared with 121,456 head during December a year earlier--an increase of 16 percent. Of the total sheep and lambs received during December 81,162 head moved through public markets and 60,123 were received direct. The July-December number of sheep and lambs shipped into these 9 States totaled 2,134,061 head compared with 2,166,329 during the same period a year earlier--a decrease of 1 percent.

Inspected shipments of stocker and feeder cattle from public stockyards during December totaled 404,000 head compared with 396,319 during December 1958--an increase of 2 percent. During 1959 feeder cattle shipments totaled 5,656,237 head compared with 5,455,858 in 1958--an increase of 4 percent.

Total inspected shipments of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs from public stockyards were 155,664 head in December compared with 153,052 in December 1958--an increase of 2 percent. Total shipments for 1959 totaled 2,539,390 head compared with 2,418,042 in 1958--an increase of 5 percent.

Stocker and Feeder Cattle and Sheep Received in Several North Central States
December, 1959, with comparisons 1/

Cattle and Calves

State	:Public Stock Yards:		Direct		Total			
	: December		: December		: December		: July-December	
	: 1958	: 1959	: 1958	: 1959	: 1958	: 1959	: 1958	: 1959
Ohio	3,862	9,199	1,315	3,482	5,177	12,681	63,835	87,169
Indiana	10,023	9,936	7,521	14,025	17,544	23,961	161,783	225,110
Illinois	23,894	32,775	43,193	68,312	67,087	101,087	907,461	911,471
Michigan	2,514	3,236	1,505	1,979	4,019	5,215	42,091	59,153
Wisconsin	2,718	2,972	1,526	928	4,244	3,900	24,009	32,736
Minnesota	20,677	21,857	38,779	63,972	59,456	85,829	508,611	518,879
Iowa	58,528	95,297	32,742	106,447	91,270	201,744	1,474,922	1,742,123
S. Dakota	10,662	7,829	10,439	6,698	21,101	14,527	145,038	103,839
Nebraska	39,345	38,729	42,934	56,636	82,279	95,365	621,880	657,799
Total 9 States ..	172,223	221,830	179,954	322,479	352,177	544,309	3,949,630	4,338,279

Sheep and Lambs

Ohio	1,259	1,554	58	293	1,317	1,847	38,795	30,956
Indiana	3,381	3,095	--	1,059	3,381	4,154	69,573	58,312
Illinois	5,218	8,853	877	3,316	6,095	12,169	304,740	256,615
Michigan	2,670	289	--	--	2,670	289	17,269	13,448
Wisconsin	1	87	--	600	1	687	17,423	19,122
Minnesota	24,011	23,867	9,480	6,340	33,491	30,207	244,009	271,385
Iowa	6,696	19,445	32,944	30,136	39,640	49,581	857,245	861,754
S. Dakota	4,829	6,545	11,687	5,771	16,516	12,316	102,302	110,438
Nebraska	10,510	17,427	7,835	12,608	18,345	30,035	514,973	512,031
Total 9 States ..	58,575	81,162	62,881	60,123	121,456	141,285	2,166,329	2,134,061

1/ Data in this report are obtained from offices of State Veterinarians. Under "Public Stockyards" are included stockers and feeders which were bought at stockyards markets. Under "Direct" are included stockers and feeders from other States from points other than public stockyards, some of which are inspected at public stockyards while stopping for feed, water, and rest en route.

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION ^{1/}

	Number (000 omitted)				Percent			
	Dec.	Nov.	Jan.-	Dec.	Dec.	Nov.	Jan.-	Dec.
	1959	1959	Dec.	1958	1959	1959	Dec.	1958
			1959				1959	
Cattle:								
Steers.....	840	750	9,681	864	54.1	51.3	55.4	60.1
Heifers.....	335	325	3,701	224	21.6	22.2	21.2	15.6
Cows.....	360	370	3,836	329	23.2	25.3	22.0	22.9
Bulls and Stags..	17	18	240	20	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.4
Total 2/.....	1,552	1,463	17,458	1,437	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners & Cutters 3/	163	196	1,805	159	10.5	13.4	10.3	11.1
Hogs:								
Sows.....	530	551*	6,392	488	7.6	8.7*	9.3	8.4
Barrows and Gilts	6,411	5,760*	62,027	5,314	92.0	90.9*	90.3	91.4
Stags and Boars..	28	25*	288	12	.4	.4*	.4	.2
Total 2/.....	6,969	6,336*	68,707	5,814	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep and Lambs:								
Lambs & Yearlings	1,142	1,008	12,808	1,019	96.6	94.2	95.1	96.0
Sheep.....	40	62	658	42	3.4	5.8	4.9	4.0
Total 2/.....	1,182	1,070	13,466	1,061	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

^{1/} Based on reports from packers. ^{2/} Totals based on rounded numbers.^{3/} Included in cattle classification. * Revised.PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, BY CLASSES, OF CATTLE SLAUGHTERED
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Region	Steers		Heifers		Cows		Bulls and Stags		Canners & Cutters, all classes	
	Dec.		Dec.		Dec.		Dec.		Dec.	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
N. Atlantic States...	75.6	62.1	1.3	1.2	22.5	35.6	.6	1.1	9.0	17.0
S. Atlantic States...	55.1	54.9	7.9	7.3	35.5	36.1	1.5	1.7	21.2	21.0
N.C. States-Eastern..	48.2	59.2	13.2	7.7	36.6	31.7	2.0	1.4	17.0	14.4
N.C. States-N.Western	50.8	62.2	27.1	17.8	21.1	18.4	1.0	1.6	8.6	8.0
N.C. States-S.Western	59.2	70.5	18.9	10.9	21.3	18.4	.6	.2	7.0	7.6
S. Central States....	42.8	45.8	13.6	2.7	42.0	48.7	1.6	2.8	23.0	27.0
Mountain States.....	45.5	39.1	41.4	50.7	12.5	9.2	.6	1.0	3.4	4.3
Pacific States.....	68.8	69.5	18.0	13.6	11.9	14.9	1.3	2.0	4.0	3.0

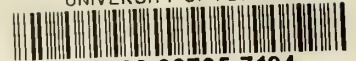
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COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 1959 ^{1/}

Month and period	Cattle				Calves			
	Federally inspected	Other commercial	Total	Av. live weight	Federally inspected	Other commercial	Total	Av. live weight
	Thousand head			Pounds	Thousand head			Pounds
Dec. 1959	1,552.1	449.2	2,001.3	1023	455.9	242.6	698.5	203
Nov. 1959	1,461.9	441.1	1,903.0	1012	438.4	241.2	679.6	209
Jan.-Dec. 1959	17,458.5	5,493.3	22,951.8	1014	4,875.3	2,897.4	7,772.7	214
Jan.-Dec. 1958	17,642.3	5,913.1	23,555.4	987	5,672.2	3,642.6	9,314.8	212
	Hogs				Sheep and Lambs			
Dec. 1959	6,968.1	1,301.0	8,269.1	237	1,182.0	143.8	1,325.8	100
Nov. 1959	6,337.2	1,139.9	7,477.1	238	1,069.6	143.0	1,212.6	98
Jan.-Dec. 1959	68,707.5	12,880.5	81,588.0	237	13,465.7	1,948.0	15,413.7	99
Jan.-Dec. 1958	59,461.6	11,503.4	70,965.0	235	12,396.6	1,767.4	14,164.0	98

^{1/} Excludes farm slaughter.

COMMERCIAL MEAT AND LARD PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 1959 ^{1/}

Month and period	Beef	Veal	Pork ^{2/}	Lamb and Mutton	Total meat ^{2/}	Lard ^{3/}
	M i l l i o n P o u n d s					
Dec. 1959	1,162	80	1,127	64	2,433	267
Nov. 1959	1,082	80	1,027	57	2,246	236
Jan.-Dec. 1959	13,245	943	11,131	732	26,051	2,610
Jan.-Dec. 1958	12,983	1,103	9,618	674	24,378	2,253

^{1/} Excludes farm slaughter. ^{2/} Excludes lard and rendered pork fat.

^{3/} Includes rendered pork fat.

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